

Remarks

Applicants hereby add new claims 36-43 which are supported at least by the teachings of Figs. 2-3 and 7 and the respective teachings of the specification.

Referring to the 101 rejections, Applicants have amended claim 34 as requested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 101 rejection.

Referring to the 102 rejection of claim 1, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection inasmuch as positively-recited limitations of the claim are not disclosed by the prior art.

In particular, the Office identifies the wireless network as teaching the claimed first communications network and the wired LAN as teaching the second communication network. However, claim 1 specifies that the *print server is communicatively coupled to the hard imaging devices via the first communications network*. Applicants have failed to uncover any teachings that the print server 13 of Ohta is communicatively coupled with the hard imaging devices via the wireless network identified as allegedly teaching the first communications network. To the contrary, communications of the print server are implemented using the wired LAN in Ohta.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-recited teachings are not disclosed nor suggested by Ohta and the 102 rejection is improper for at least this reason.

Furthermore, the limitations that the *print server is configured to automatically generate a translated print request in the first communication link format for processing by the at least one of the plurality of hard imaging devices* is not disclosed nor suggested by the teachings of Ohta. Ohta is void of teaching that the print server 13 generates a translated print request for the wireless network identified as allegedly teaching the claimed first communication network let alone that such a translated print request is generated *for processing by at least one of the hard imaging devices*. To the contrary, the communications of the print server 13 to the printers of Ohta occur over the wired LAN.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the above-recited teachings are not disclosed nor suggested by Ohta and the 102 rejection is improper for at least this reason.

Applicants have failed to uncover any teachings in paragraphs 37-38 of the positively-recited limitations of the print server being further configured to automatically generate and communicate a signal to the external device, the signal being indicative of individual hard imaging devices among the plurality of hard imaging devices configured to be supported by the print server even if the plurality of hard imaging devices are not configured to support the second communication link format. Applicants have failed to uncover any teachings of print server 13 providing information of the printers to devices 11, 14 of Ohta.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-recited teachings are not disclosed nor suggested by Ohta and the 102 rejection is improper for at least this reason.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 102 rejections for at least the above-mentioned numerous reasons.

The claims which depend from independent claim 1 are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed above with respect to the independent claim as well as for their own respective features which are neither shown nor suggested by the cited art.